Enactment of Corrupt Public Servants (Forfeiture of Property) Bill

100. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Law Commission has submitted a report recommending enactment of Corrupt Public Servants (Forfeiture of Property) Bill; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. JANAKRISHNA-MURTHY): (a) The Law Commission submitted its 166th Report on "The Corrupt Public Servants (Forfeiture of Property) Bill".

(b) The aforesaid Report has already been laid on the Table of the House on 28-10-1999.

Setting up of High Courts in North-Eastern States

101. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of High Courts existing in the country at present;

(b) whether the Government have any plan to set up some more High Courts in the North-Eastern States of the country;

(c) if so, the details in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. JANA KRISHNAMURTHY): (a) There are 21 High Courts in the country at present.

(b) to (d) The Governments of seven States of North-Eastern region were informed in 1987 of the decision of the Central Government for setting up of separate High Courts for these States, and pending Parliamentary legislation for the purpose, for establishing permanent Benches of the Gauhati High Court in the Capitals of these States. The permanent Benches of the Gauhati High Court have been established in the Capitals of these States, except Assam, where the Principal seat is located, as and when the concerned State Governments have provided requisite infrastructural